Project Pericles Fund Application Process

The first step is to submit a concept letter – due February 1st each year. The second step is to conduct further research and piloting – and if applicable, apply for seed funding (not to exceed $500). The third step is to submit a formal proposal using the PPF application in the fall – due October 1st each year. In this step, groups submit a formal proposal for review, which details the group’s activities, how the group’s project advances solutions for the issues in question, their fund raising strategy, accuracy in accounting and reporting (budget and budget narrative about expenses and income from all sources) as well as the scope and sustainability the project. Finally, a small number of groups may be invited for an interview. Questions? Email the Project Pericles Fund Advisor, Jennifer Magee (jmagee1) for more information.

The Concept Letter

Interested teams should submit to the Project Pericles Fund Advisor, Jennifer Magee (jmagee1@swarthmore.edu) a written statement of up to 1500 words outlining the concept of a project by February 1. The letter should identify the issue to be addressed by the project, articulate goals and objective of the project, and specify where the majority of the project will be conducted. Also, the concept letter should describe:

• The vision and scope of Project to foster lasting social change
• Capability of the student team as evidenced by related experience and study
• Processes and methods by which the Project will be implemented
• Feasibility
• Evidence of community partner support
• Impact of the program in terms of concrete, measurable outcomes
• Names of project team members
• Applicant teams are welcomed and encouraged to discuss their project's merits, methods, relevant concerns and prospective problems, and possibilities of establishing collaborative relationships with students of other Periclean institutions with the Project Pericles Fund Advisor before submitting the concept letter.

Piloting & Further Research

Based on the outcome of these discussions, applicant teams may be invited to apply for seed funding (not to exceed $500.00) to facilitate piloting and further research, as well as to prepare a formal proposal. Note: Receipt of seed funding for the summer is not a guarantee of full funding later on. Teams considering applying for a Project Pericles grant are strongly encourage to seek out other additional, college and non-college sources of funding and to conduct fund raising in support of summer piloting plans. Students are highly encouraged to conduct community assessment and establish a "track record" of community service involving both hands-on work in the field and fundraising. You will be asked to demonstrate this track record in the final application.

Formal Proposal
Email Jennifer Magee (jmagee1) for an application. The fall application deadline is October 1.

**Selection Criteria**

**Vision and scope.** Successful applicant teams will propose to work on an issue of regional, national or international to address the underlying causes and conditions of a specific societal problem.

**Mission Statement.** Successful applicant teams will have crafted a concise mission statement that clearly articulates the goals of the initiative, including the goal of effecting systemic change in communities and institutions.

**Well-defined objectives.** Successful applicant teams will have well-defined, measurable objectives that will form the framework of their plan of action. These objectives should reflect the values of inclusion, fairness, diversity, democracy, justice and opportunity and should exemplify innovative, entrepreneurial problem-solving strategies.

**Feasibility of the proposed work plan.** Successful applicant teams will demonstrate that their plan of action is feasible, that the team possesses or will obtain the necessary skills and experience to do the work, and that a Project Pericles Grant would enable them to obtain sufficient resources to meet their goals.

**Evidence of support from others working on this issue.** Successful applicant teams will obtain letters of support from others working on this or similar issues who both endorse the proposed work of the applicant team and agree to collaborate with the applicant team, exchanging resources, information and advice as appropriate.

**Sustainability.** Successful applicant teams will outline a general plan to build capacity of the project constituents (human resources) as well as the team's demonstrated ability to conduct fund raising (financial resources) to sustain the project beyond the term of Project Pericles funding.

**Effective evaluation plan.** Successful applicant teams will outline general plan to evaluate both processes and outcomes of the project.